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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - MOROCCAN OPPOSITION PRESS ON U.S.
MIDEAST POLICY

SUMMARY: OPPOSITION ISTIQLAL PARTY ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY AL ALAM
HAS CONCLUDED FOUR PART SERIES ANALYSING U.S. MID-EAST POLICY, BY
STAFF COLUMNIST OMAR NAJIB. SERIES SUPPORTS P.L.O. LINE (WHOSE
MATERIAL IS CARRIED REGULARLY IN AL ALAM) AND IS SKEPTICAL OF U.S.
AIMS AND FEARFUL OF ISRAELI EXPANSIONISM. END SUMMARY.

AFTER TRACING AMERICAN POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST FROM THE DAYS OF
JOHN FOSTER DULLES, WHO FEARED THAT THE ARAB WORLD "WOULD FALL INTO
SOVIET HANDS ONCE BRITAIN AND FRANCE LEFT THE AREAS," NAJIB TRACES
AMERICAN ATTEMPTS TO WOO ARABS UNDER SUCCESSIVE ADMINISTRATIONS,
AND FINDS THE U.S. POSITION FRAUGHT WITH CONTRADICTIONS. A STRONG,
UNITED ARAB POLICY, SAYS NAJIB, WOULD AUTOMATICALLY DIFFER FROM U.S.
AIMS, IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN THE UNCRITICAL SUPPORT THE U.S.
HAS ALWAYS GIVEN ISRAEL.

DETENTE, ACCORDING TO NAJIB, IS AN AMERICAN DIVERSION "TO GAIN
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TIME," AND SOVIET FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SUPPORT TO THE ARAB
CAUSE IN 1967 PROVED THE SUCCESS OF THIS POLICY. THE AMERICAN AIM,
HE SAYS, SUCCEEDED BY "HITTING THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS FIRST AND
THE SOVIET UNION SECOND."

CARTER POLICY DOES NOT DIFFER MUCH FROM THAT OF HIS PREDECESSORS,
SAYS NAJIB, U.S. AND ISRAELI VIEWS OF A SETTLEMENT ARE VIRTUALLY

THE SAME, AND THE ARAB CONFRONTATION STATES HAVE ACCEPTED MUCH OF
THE AMERICAN VIEW. WHAT, THEN, HE ASKS, IS HOLDING UP A SETTLEMENT?
THE ANSWER IS THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION, WHICH MESSES UP EVERY ONE
ELSE'S DESIRE TO CLOSE THE AFFAIR. BUT ALSO, WASHINGTON TOO WANTS
TO INSURE A MILITARILY POWERFUL, EXPANSIONIST ISRAELI STATE WHICH
"CAN IMPOSE AN AMERICAN SETTLEMENT AND MAKE IT LAST."STEPHENS

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